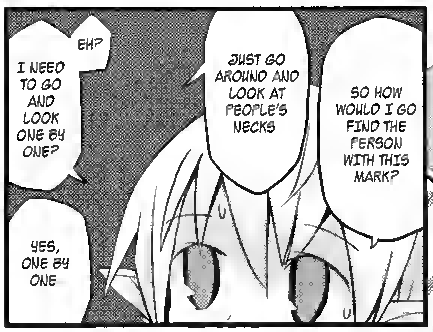
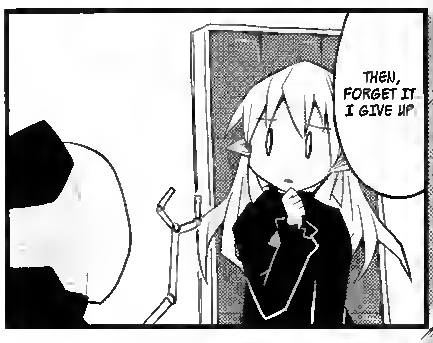
THE HERO SHOULD HAVE A MARK ON HIS NECK THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS
OKAY
IN OTHER WORDS
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS FIND A HUMAN WITH THIS MARK
I SEE


SO HOW WOULD I GO FIND THE PERSON WITH THIS MARK?
JUST GO AROUND AND LOOK AT PEOPLE'S NECKS
EH?
I NEED TO GO AND LOOK ONE BY ONE?
YES, ONE BY ONE


THEN, FORGET IT I GIVE UP

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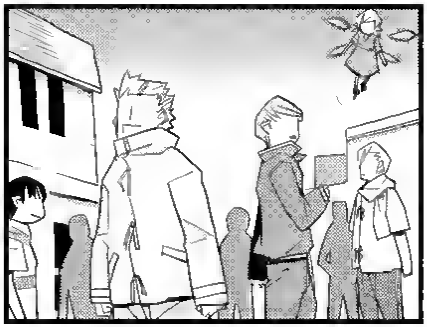
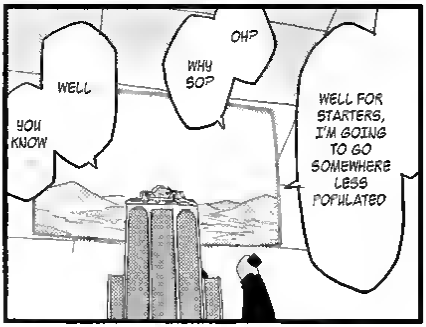
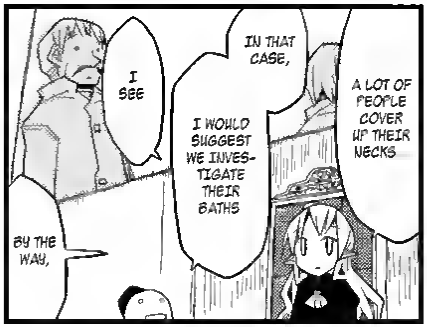
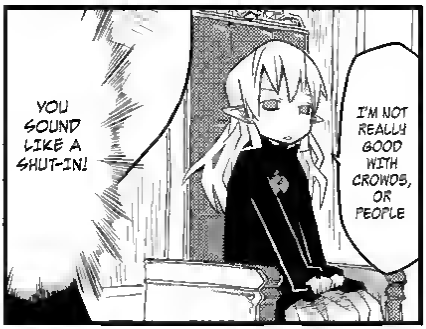


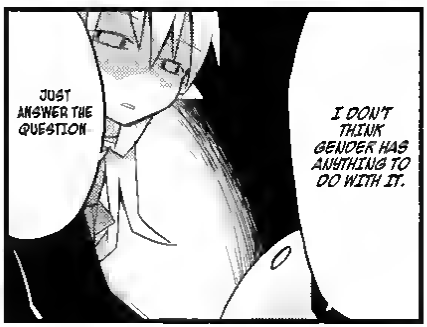

WELL FOR STARTERS, I'M GOING TO GO SOMEWHERE LESS POPULATED
OH?
WHY SO?
WELL
YOU KNOW

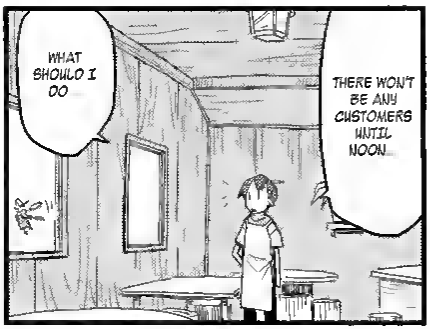

A LOT OF PEOPLE COVER UP THEIR NECKS
IN THAT CASE,
I WOULD SUGGEST WE INVESTIGATE THEIR BATHS
I SEE
BY THE WAY,

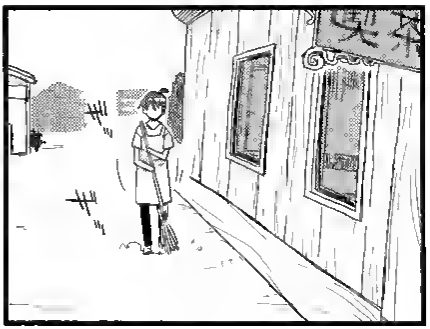

I'M NOT REALLY GOOD WITH CROWDS, OR PEOPLE
YOU SOUND LIKE A SHUT-IN!

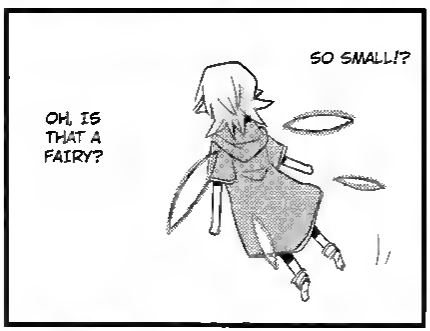
WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?
I HAVE A LOT OF LOVE FOR GIRLS

IT WON'T BE GOOD TO RUSH INTO ANY-THING
IT'LL BE LIKE, PRACTICE
SO LET'S JUST TAKE IT STEP BY STEP, LET ME GET USED TO PEOPLE


I DON'T THINK GENDER HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.
JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION

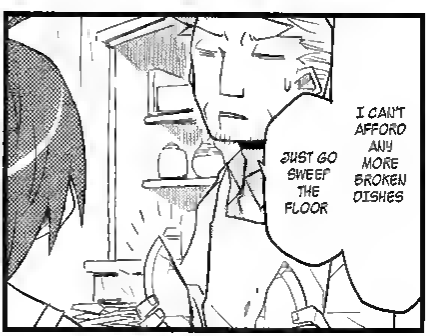

WHAT SHOULD I DO
THERE WON'T BE ANY CUSTOMERS UNTIL NOON

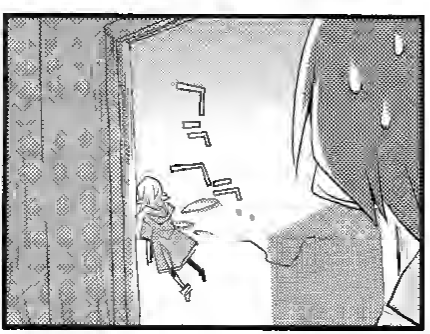



OH, IS THAT A FAIRY?
SO SMALL!?

WHY DON'T YOU GO AND HELP YOUR DAD OUT INSTEAD?
YOU WANT TO HELP ME? BUT YOUR SENSE OF TASTE IS AWFUL

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE. SHE'S SO CUTE

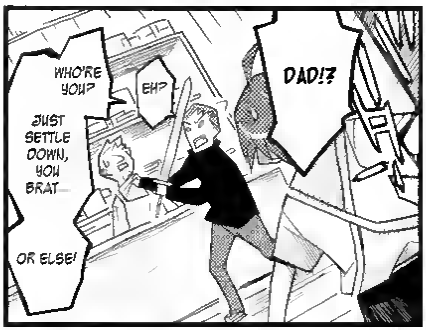

I CAN'T AFFORD ANY MORE BROKEN DISHES
JUST GO SWEEP THE FLOOR



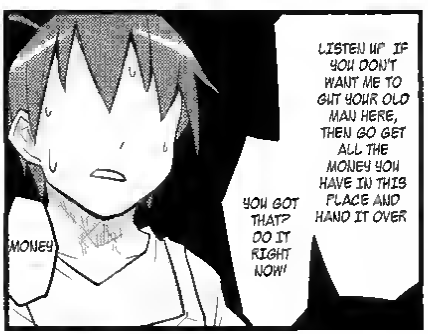
SIGH
...

HOW DO I SAY THIS
HOLD ON!
WHAT ARE YOU-!?

EXCUSE ME!
?

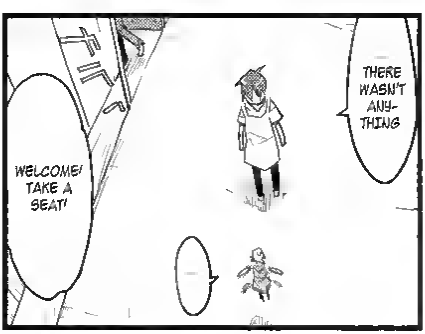

DAD!?
WHO'RE YOU?
EH?
JUST SETTLE DOWN, YOU BRAT
OR ELSE!

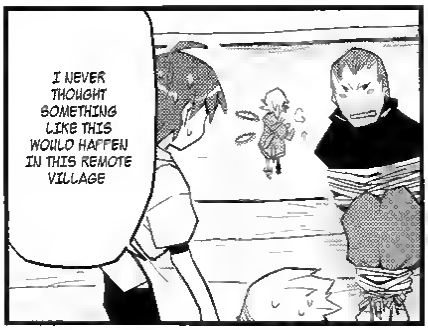
UH- WELL
CAN YOU UNDER- STAND ME?
UMM
SEE,


LISTEN UP IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GUT YOUR OLD MAN HERE, THEN GO GET ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE IN THIS PLACE AND HAND IT OVER
YOU GOT THAT? DO IT RIGHT NOW!
MONEY

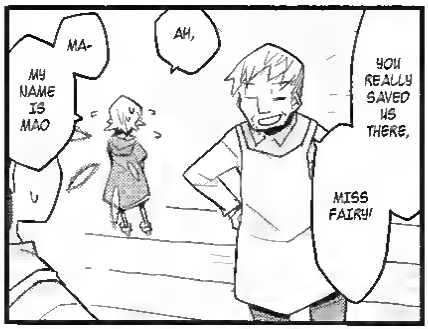
YES, I DO
DID YOU NEED SOME- THING?
YOU'RE THE FIRST FAIRY I'VE EVER MET
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE
OH RIGHT, WELL
WHAT WAS IT

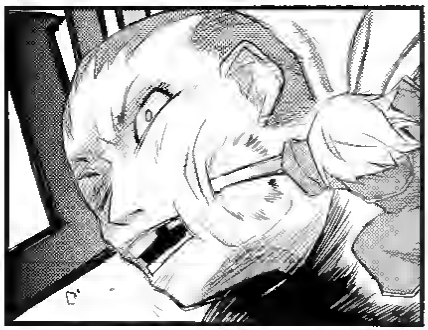
MONEY ?
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
IS IT MORE VALUABLE THAN WHEAT?
YOU'RE ON A BARTER SYSTEM !!?


THERE WASN'T ANY- THING
WELCOME! TAKE A SEAT!

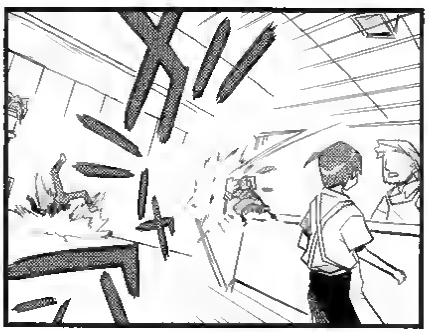

I NEVER THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN IN THIS REMOTE VILLAGE

DAMN. IT DIDN'T WORK.
YOU THINK I'M AN IDIOT? I'M GONNA KILL YA!
STOP MESSING AROUND! WHO STILL USES THE BARTER SYSTEM THESE DAYS?

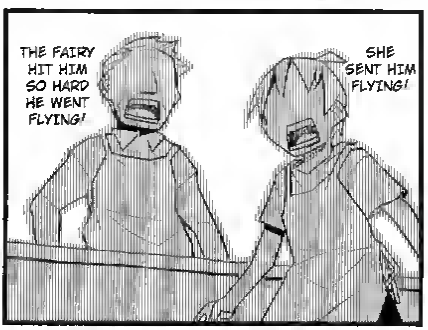

MA-
MY NAME IS MAO
AH,
YOU REALLY SAVED US THERE, MISS FAIRY!

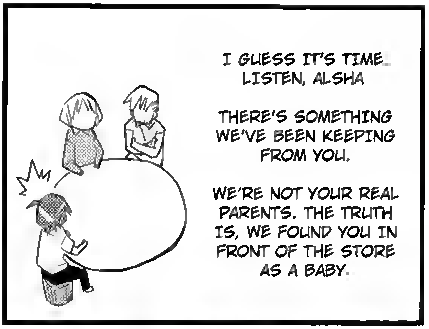


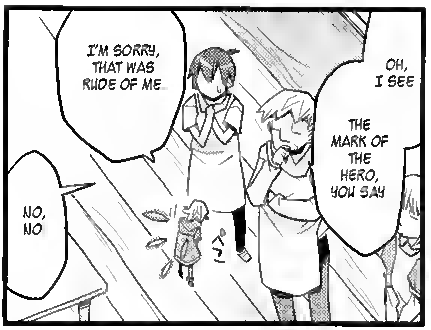
NO, IT WAS NOTH-
YOU SAVED US
THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS MAO

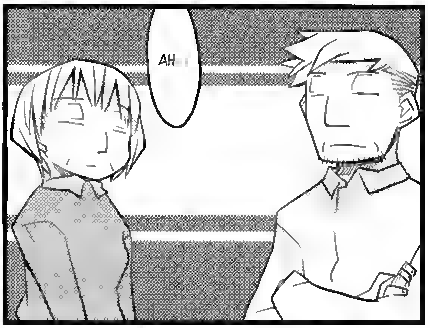


!!?
EXCUSE ME HOLD STILL FOR A SECOND

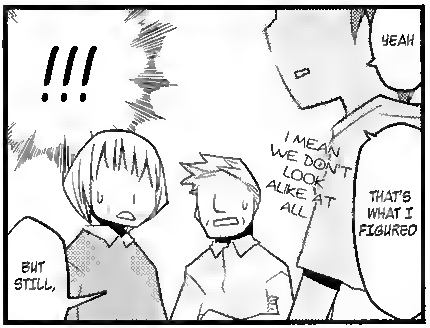

THE FAIRY HIT HIM SO HARD HE WENT FLYING!
SHE SENT HIM FLYING!


I GUESS IT'S TIME. LISTEN, ALSHA
THERE'S SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN KEEPING FROM YOU.
WE'RE NOT YOUR REAL PARENTS. THE TRUTH IS, WE FOUND YOU IN FRONT OF THE STORE AS A BABY.


I'M SORRY, THAT WAS RUDE OF ME.
OH, I SEE
THE MARK OF THE HERO, YOU SAY
NO, NO


AH

HE HAS TO GO TRAVEL AND SAVE THE WORLD?
SO WHEN YOU SAY HERO, YOU MEAN
!?
YOU DID SAVE OUR LIVES. FEEL FREE TO DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE TO THIS BOY
WELL, YES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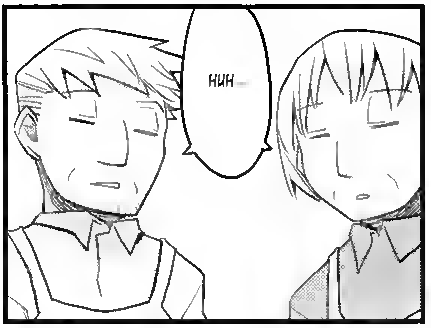
YEAH
I MEAN WE DON'T LOOK ALIKE AT ALL
THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED
BUT STILL,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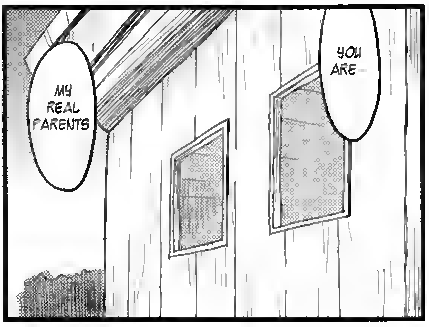
YOU ARE
MY REAL PARENTS

HIM? REALLY?
THIS BOY, HUH?
I CAN TOTALLY TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINK-ING!!!

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WELL THIS IS WHAT IS IT THEY SAY A JOURNEY OF SELF DISCOV-ERY?
YOU ARE A MAN NOW
BUT STILL, THIS WHOLE HERO THING IS HARD TO BELIEVE
ARE YOU REALLY SENDING ME AWAY?
IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE IT HERE
IF YOU ASKED ME DO I WANT TO SAY, I KNOW WHAT MY ANSWER WOULD BE
BUT...
BUT BOYS ARE, WELL...
IF YOU WERE A GIRL, WE WOULD ASK YOU TO STAY HOME AND HELP OUT AROUND THE SHOP
WHA?
?
HERE BOY, TAKE THIS WITH YOU!
I JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT MYSELF...
ABOUT TTHE WORLD
Y'KNOW!
IT'S A LOAN !!!
WITH 30% INTER-EST
JUST GIVE IT BACK IN LIKE 5 YEARS
GEMS !?

THAT MONEY
HE WASN'T WORTH MUCH
BUT YOU KNOW
THAT BANDIT
A BOUNTY !!!
DO YOU OBJECT?
IS IT OKAY TO JUST GIVE IT TO HIM?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SAVING UP TO RENOVATE THE SHOP
NOPE
BRING BACK A WIFE!
COME BACK HERE WHEN YOU'VE BECOME A MAN, OKAY?
WE CAN ALWAYS EARN MORE
IT'S JUST MONEY
BE-SIDES,
LOOT !!!
THE BANDIT HAD IT WITH HIM
AND THERE'S THIS
?
TRY IT ON
ISN'T THAT KIND OF COOL?
FOR A PARENT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE SOMETHING TO THEIR CHILD
WOAH!
IT TOTALLY DOES NOT SUIT YOU AT ALL!

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